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THE EFFECT OF VACUUM UPON THE  
ECONOMY OF A 5000 K. W. TURBINE.

I. Introduction.

That the idea of using the energy contained in a jet of steam for the production of power is an old one is evinced by the fact that Hero in the third century describes a whirling eolipile employing the reaction principle. The first impulse wheel was suggested by Branca in the 17th century, it being used for grinding and pulverizing drugs. With the beginning of the 19th century interest in these direct-action rotary motors became more and more wide-spread, the very ignorance of the nature of steam being a prominent factor in the production of versatile but usually ignorant inventors.

It is the purpose of thesis to investigate one of the many problems that present themselves to turbine designers and operators, viz., the effect of varying degrees of vacuum upon steam economy. The writer appreciates the danger of drawing conclusions from a comparatively small number of tests, but comparisons of the results obtained in other tests seem to justify the statement that these tests will indicate very clearly a percentage of correction for vacuum that may be applied to any steam turbine of large capacity.





## II. Steam Turbine Development.

Among all the worthless inventions, however, there are a few whose merits really entitle them to places among the useful inventions. The first of these, the Real and Pinchon turbine was of the compound impulse type. There was one velocity stage for each pressure stage, the blades were flat and radial and the orifices were cut diagonally in the diaphragms between succeeding pressure stages. However, there was apparently no provision for the expansion of steam, all stages being of the same cylinder volume.

The Avery turbine (1831) marks the advent of the first practical reaction wheel. This machine was used extensively in running lumber mills. It had, however, an extremely high velocity, the peripheral speed sometimes reaching 14 1/2 miles a minute. Leroy followed Avery with wheels of the same type and used expanding nozzles in place of plain orifices.

Pilbrow was the first man to introduce the idea of using wheels running in opposite directions. This idea was developed to a considerable extent by such men as Babbitt, Altham and Seger but has proved more or less impracticable.



The compound reaction turbines have their inception in the invention of Wilson. He allowed the steam to flow through gradually expanding passages having alternate moving and guide vanes and his machine represents Parsons' idea in its simplest form. Other men who followed him in the development of this type are Tournaire, Monson and Parsons. Parsons first came into the turbine field in 1885 when he received a patent upon a machine much like Wilson's first motor, but having a tandem arrangement. The really new feature of his work, however, is the introduction of the Parsons bearing which, with slight improvements has come down to the present day and forms a distinctive element in the Parsons type. Parsons improved his machine from time to time, introducing in 1888 the multi-cylinder arrangement, in 1892 the condenser and in 1896 the improved Parsons governor with its characteristic puff-admission of steam. Wilson was the originator of another important type, the radial flow turbine. In this machine the steam enters at the center of the wheel and flows radially outward impinging upon various rows of guide and moving vanes during its passage. Monson's reaction wheel was also of the radial flow type though slightly different in construction from that of Wilson. Cutler further developed this principle,





but it has not been used much in recent years.

A third type conceived by the versatility of Wilson's genius was a machine having passages allowing for the return of the steam to the blades thus introducing the possibility of compounding with only one wheel. This idea was worked with considerably. It was improved upon by Hoehl, Brakell and Gunther, Perrigault and Farcot, Imray, Last and Ferranti, and has received its highest development in the patent of Stumpf. The obvious disadvantage of this type is the wide range of temperatures in the same stage.

The compound impulse turbine has proven one of the most popular types with inventors. The Hartman brothers employed it in America for the first time, following upon the suggestions of Real and Pinchon and of Tournaire. Moorehouse is one of the first, however, who made succeeding cylinders larger in order to allow for the expansion of steam with decreasing pressures. Both Breguet and Ferranti had almost the same idea as Hartman.

DeLaval took out his first patent in 1883. This was for a turbine of the Avery outward flow type having two arms with the steam escaping from a nozzle at the end. DeLaval's impulse wheel was patented in 1894. He was the first to apply the diverging nozzle to a single impulse wheel, thus



producing high tangential velocity; this he proposed to gear down to a reasonable rate. In order to produce balancing the shaft of this turbine is made of nickel steel, slightly flexible, so that the wheel may seek its own center of rotation. In 1894 the first patents relating to the use of wheels of the Pelton type were issued, one in America to J. F. McElroy, the other in England to Prof. A. Rateau. Most of the machines of this type are single wheel machines. Usually the steam is given but a single passage through the vanes, thus making the machine of the highspeed variety. In a number of cases, however, the steam is made to return upon itself by means of suitable passages, and to take a second course through the turbine.





### III. Chronological table of turbine Development.

- 1830 Real and Pinchon--compound impulse.
- 1831 Avery--reaction.
- 1838 Leroy--reaction, used nozzles.
- 1842 Pilbrow--impulse; two wheels in opposite directions
- 1848 Wilson--compound reaction.
- radial flow.
- return flow.
- 1858 Hartman brothers--compound impulse.
- 1863 Hoehl, Brackell and Gunther--return flow.
- 1866 Perrigault and Farcot--return flow.
- 1879 Cutler--radial flow.
- 1881 Imray--return flow.
- 1883 DeLaval--reaction wheel.
- 1885 Parsons--Compound reaction.
- 1885 Last--return flow.
- 1892 Parsons--condensing reaction.
- 1894 DeLaval--Impulse wheel.
- 1894 McElroy--Pelton wheel.
- 1894 Rateau--Pelton wheel.
- 1896 Curtis--compound impulse.
- 1896 Parsons--Governor.
- 1903 Stumpf--Pelton.



#### IV. The Curtis turbine; events leading up to turbine adoption in Fisk Street Station.

Curtis took out his first patent in 1896 and his group of patents cover most of the basic principles of the compound impulse turbine. His first types had but one velocity stage for each pressure stage, but he soon employed two and even three. The most approved way for large powers is, at present, two velocity stages for each pressure stage with from four to six pressure stages. Admission of steam is through a series of from twelve to twenty-four nozzles arranged around the periphery of the wheel. The control of these nozzles is vested in the "piano board valve chamber" scheme of governing all valves at all in use being open full all the time, thus insuring maximum economy for the jet. A potential efficiency of 77% has been secured by the use of this machine, a record which is beaten only by one or two instances of the most refined steam engine practice. Considering the fact that almost all effective development in the steam turbine has taken place since 1885, it is certainly safe to predict a remarkable future for this type of prime mover. At least five distinct types are proving commercially successful and in each of them the extremely rapid rate of improvement suggests the probability of increased efficiency and





economy with each succeeding year of turbine construction. Thus for the Curtis compound impulse turbine is leading in the progress which is being made, but it is not by any means without its serious rivals.

In 1900 a committee appointed by the Commonwealth Electric Co., began to investigate American and European practise and attempted to determine what would be the most satisfactory and economical method of generating power for the City of Chicago. The reciprocating engine was at the height of its popularity. In Europe the poppet-valve engine using superheated steam was beginning to attract world wide attention, while American practise of large diameters and enormous size was producing results almost as good. It was about this time that the 100,000 horse-power station of the Manhattan Elevated Railway of New York City was projected and built, and the Allis-Chalmers horizontal vertical cross-compound 8000 horse-power units were doing such work as to earn for one of their class the title "Old Reliable".

However, the steam-turbine with the enormously reduced size per horse-power and the advantages accruing from the use of smaller generators at higher speeds was just at this time beginning to attract attention. In England, Parsons had invented a



machine which gave a very creditable performance under various conditions while in America the Curtis turbine has been installed in a few places in small units. The General Electric Co., however, expressed entire willingness to build turbine generator sets of 5000 kilowatt capacity with a satisfactory guarantee of performance. This type was consequently decided upon and the satisfactory results of the first unit as well as the remarkable increase in economy with each new installation shows that the confidence thus reposed was well placed.

It is with the first 5000 K. W. unit, distinguished as Fisk Street Turbine No. 1, that the series of tests herein recorded have to do.



## V. Description of Fisk Street Generating Station.

The Fisk Street Generating Station of the Commonwealth Electric Co., is a plant of 52000 K. W. rated capacity. Its generators comprise four 5000 K. W. machines and four of 8000 K. W. rated load. Two additional units of 8000 K. W. capacity are now under construction and the final plans contemplate a station of fourteen units having a total rated load of 100,000 K. W. All the prime-movers are Curtis compound-impulse trubines, each turbo-generator set being independently operated by a battery of eight 500 horse-power Babcock and Wilcox water-tube boilers.

3-Phase Current is generated at 9000 volts and twenty-five cycles and the load is adjusted by the operator in the operating gallery. Fig. 1 shows a plan of the station, boiler house and switch house. The latter contains the oil switches for the electrical installation and it is from here that current is fed to the different distributing stations.





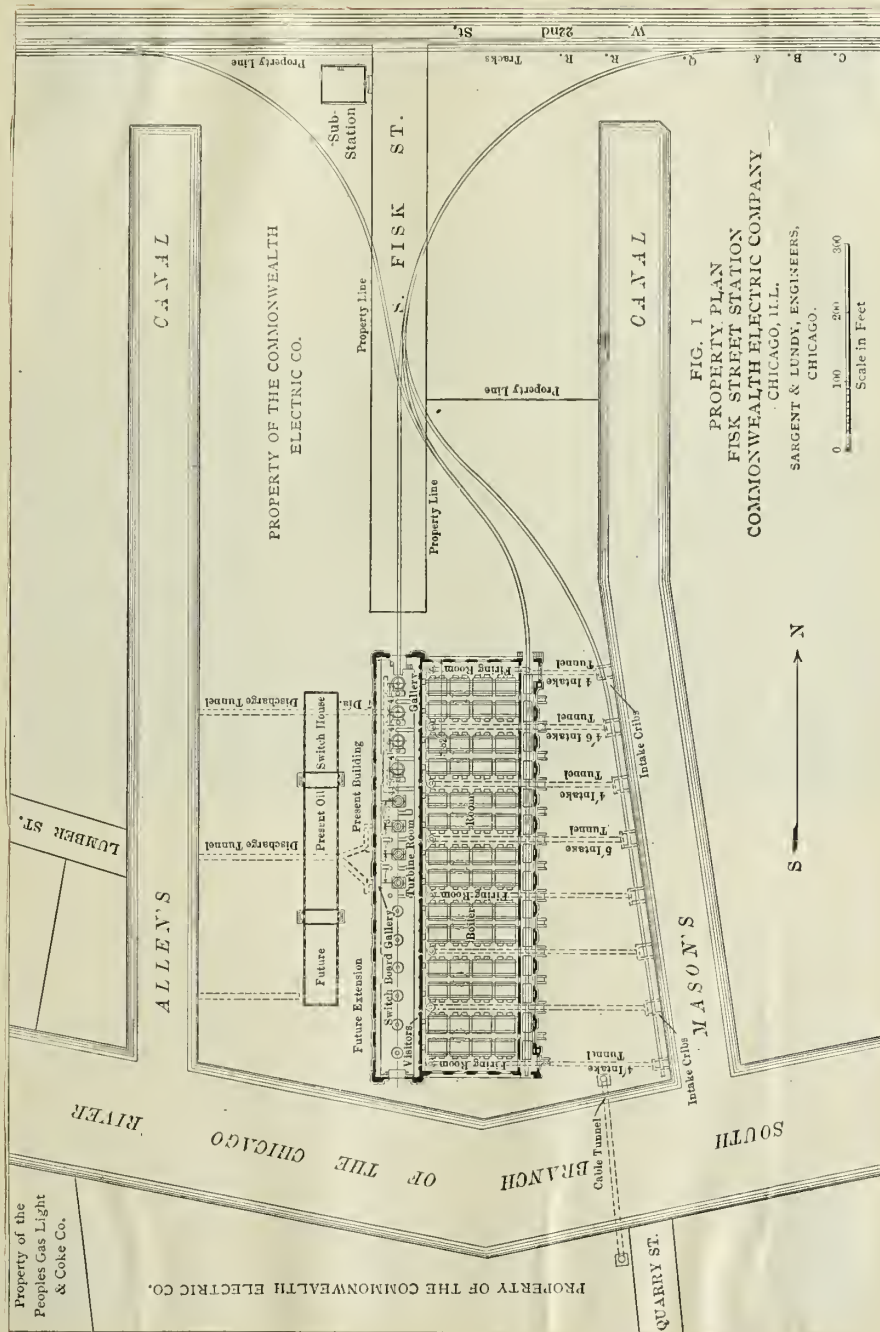


FIG. 1.



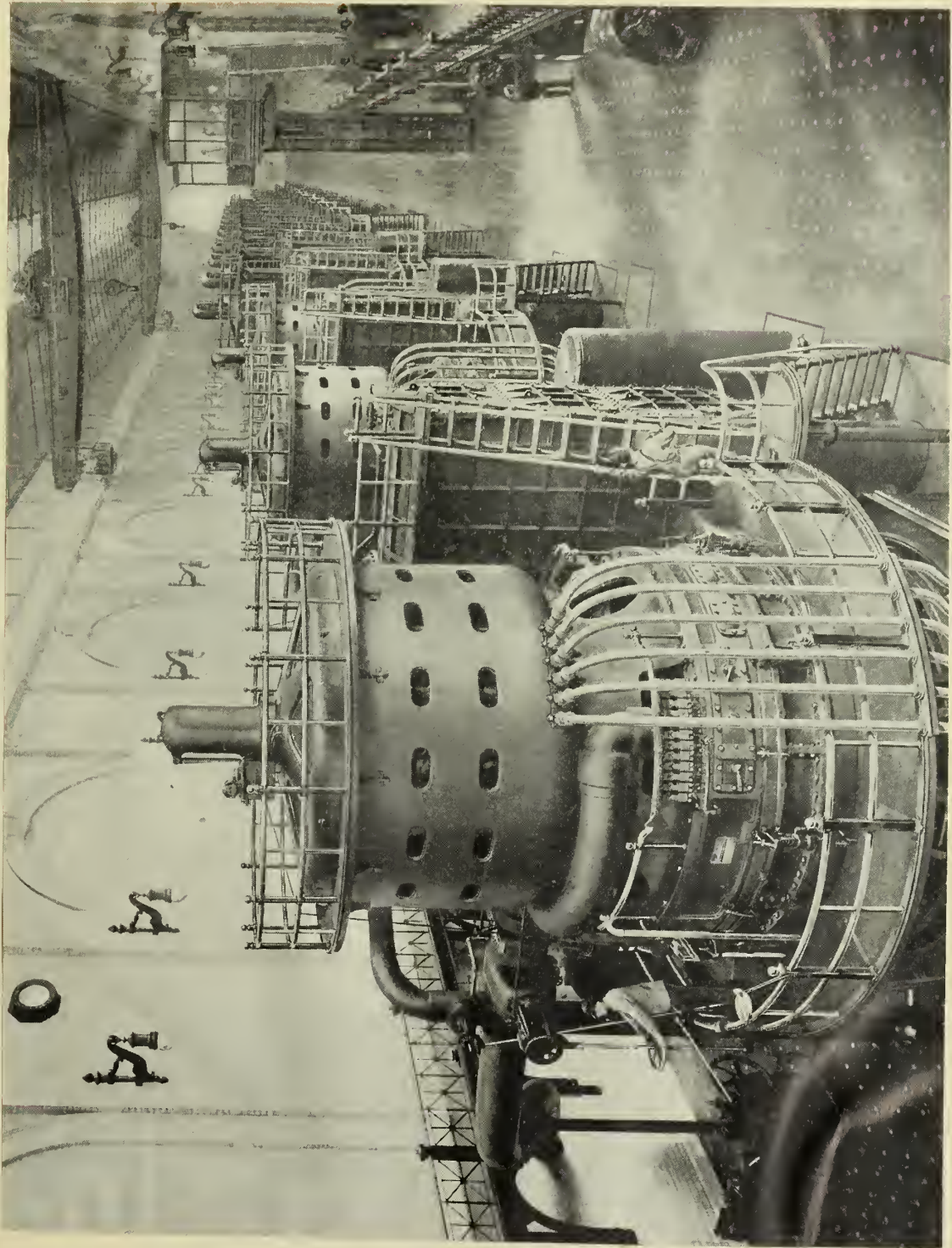


FIG. 2. TURBINE ROOM.





## VI. Tests of 5000 K. W. Turbine.

### (a) Preliminary remarks.

The test described here was carried on in the Fisk Street Station of the Commonwealth Electric Co. of Chicago. It was composed of four trials, each of two hours duration, one hour's consecutive readings being chosen in each trial for the determination of results. Of these trials, trial No. 4 was carried on March 5, 1907 while trials No. 1, 2 & 3 were performed March 6, 1907. The corps of observers consisted of ten students of the senior class of the Mechanical Engineering Departments of the Universities of Illinois and of Wisconsin, several men furnished by Sargent and Lundy, consulting engineers, Chicago, and two or three of the Commonwealth Electric Company's employes.

### (b) Purpose of tests.

The Purpose of this test was the determination of the effect of variations of vacuum in the condenser upon the economy of the machine. This test was to be carried on preliminary to the general load curve tests, the results derived from this test to be applied in correcting <sup>for</sup> variations of vacuum from contract specifications. It was also proposed that the effect of the variation of other general conditions be studied, and, if worthy of consideration, shown by curves.





The investigation took place at full load, namely 5000 K. W. To facilitate comparison all water rates were reduced to 200 lbs. absolute initial pressure 125 degrees, F. superheat.

(c) Method and Observations--Calibrations.

Unit No. 1 of the Fisk Street Station is a two stage machine of 5000 K. W. capacity making 500 R. P. M. It is one of the earlier types of turbine and has three velocity stages in each pressure stage. The condenser is of the Alberger counter current type, shown in Fig. 3 and has about 20000 square feet of cooling surface. The circulating water enters at the top and going through the three passes, reaches the bottom and is discharged. The steam enters at the bottom and moves upward while the condensation is collected in the bottom of the condenser, from which it is pumped by means of the hot well pump into the feed water heaters. The circulating pump is of the centrifugal type (Fig. 4) and is operated by a Corliss engine. The feed pumps Fig. 5 are of special design. Either one alone can pump all of the feed water at normal load.

As already stated, the trials were carried on in two hour runs, general and turbine observations being taken every four minutes while electrical



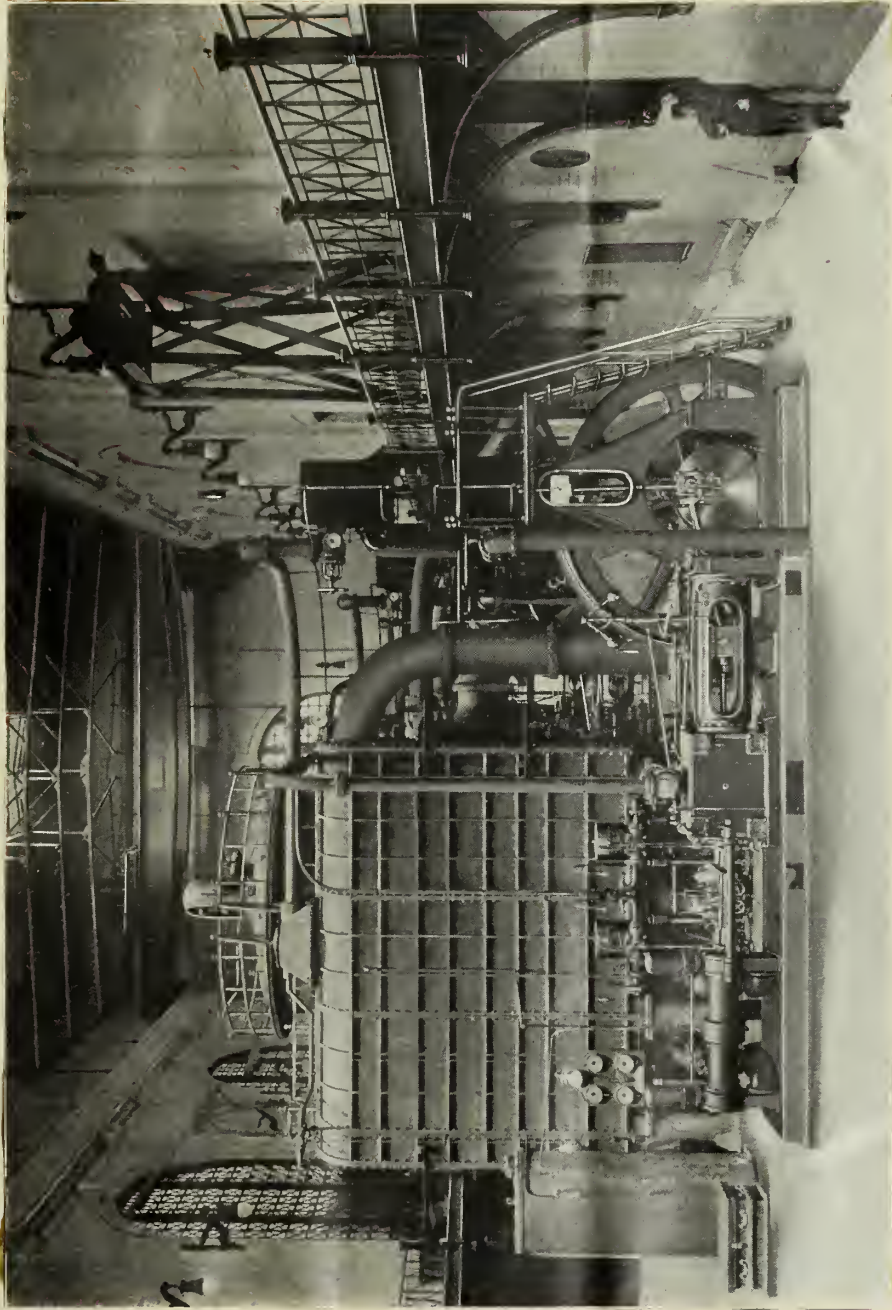


FIG. 3. ALBERGER CONDENSING APPARATUS





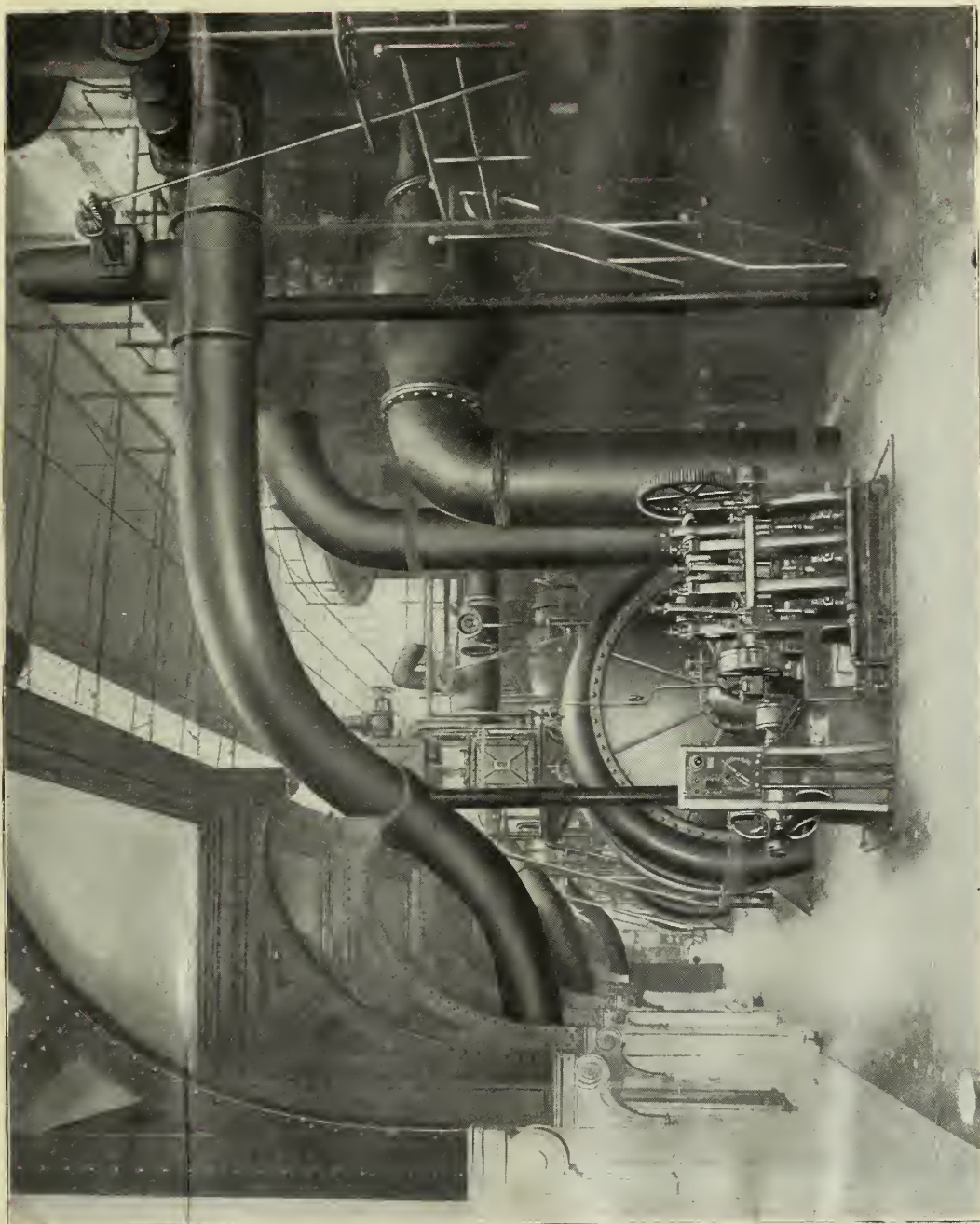


FIG. 4: CIRCULATING PUMP





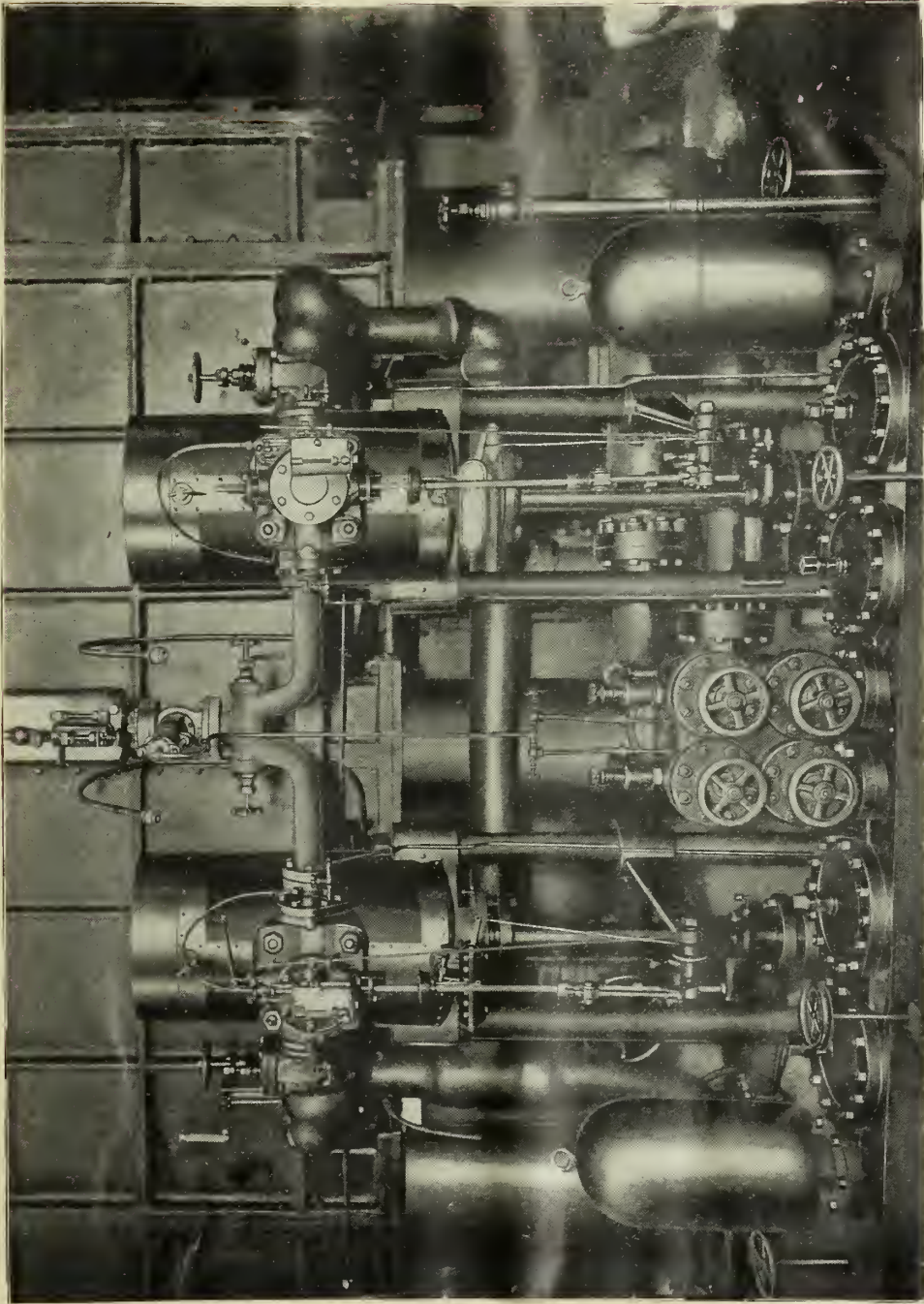


FIG. 5. FEED WATER PUMPS



readings were taken every two minutes. Signals were given by electrical bells which rang simultaneously at the turbine, on the operating gallery and in the switch-house, the intervals being controlled by the time-keeper in the switch-house. The load was controlled by a special operator in the operating gallery and was maintained fairly constant. All observations were carried on in the same order in which they were begun, thus insuring fairly constant intervals for the different readings.

All thermometers and other accessory apparatus were carefully calibrated by comparison with certified standards. The condenser pressures were measured by Hohmann and Maurer mercury columns. The high pressure gages were calibrated after each trial while still hot and corrections applied to the readings from the resulting calibration curves. Electrical instruments were calibrated by comparison with standards having certificates from the National Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C. Scales were tested by Factory and City of Chicago inspectors and were found to be correct. The water weighing apparatus is shown in its general scheme in Fig. 6. This arrangement proved very accurate and easy to operate. The quick-opening valves were largely responsible for the rapidity of the work.



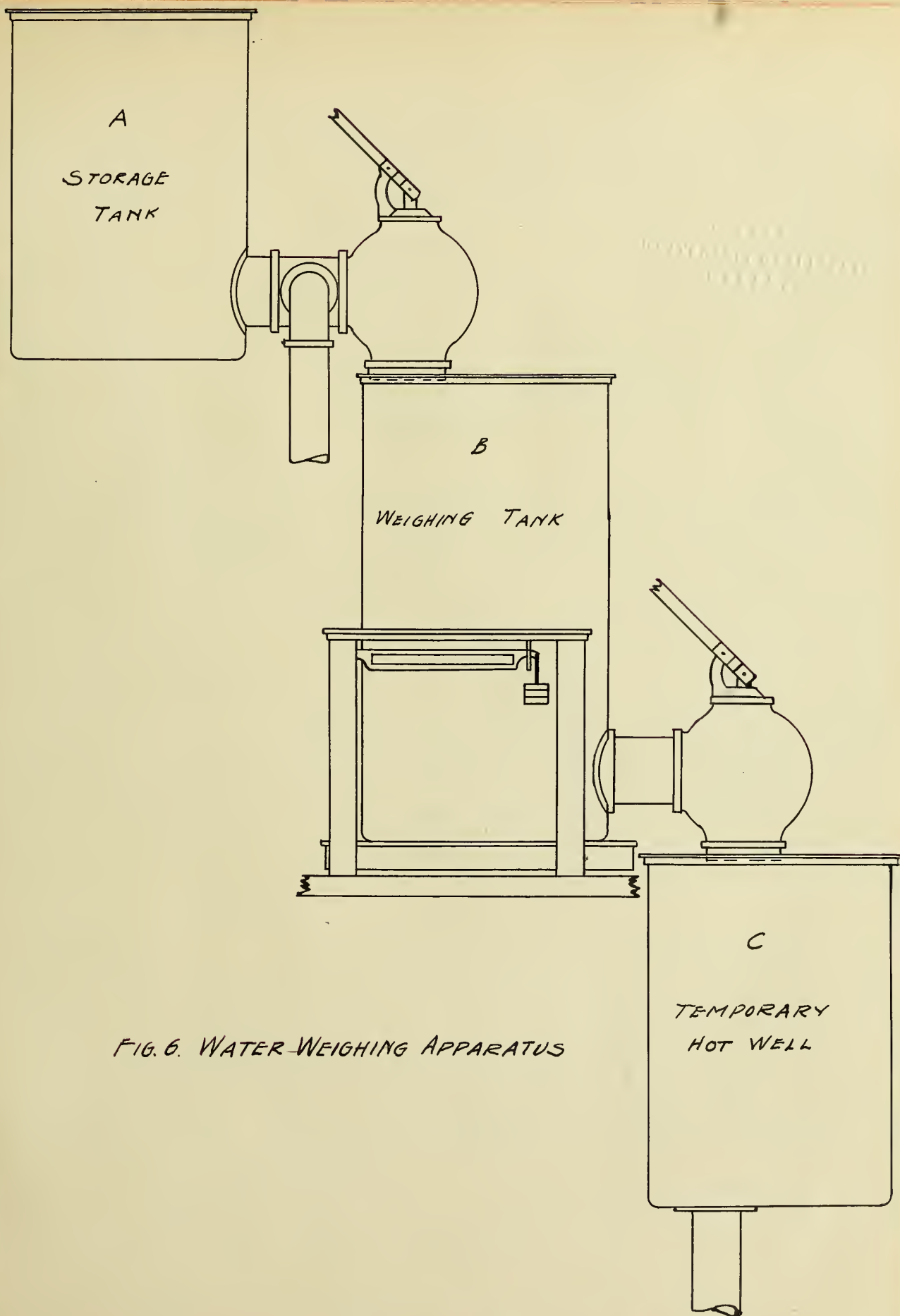


FIG. 6. WATER-WEIGHING APPARATUS





The Observations were classed as follows:

1. General readings, not entering into calculations.
2. Pressures.
3. Temperatures.
4. Corliss engine data.
5. Electrical readings.
6. Condensation.

General readings were taken, not because of any immediate relation to the test in hand, but because they are very useful for comparison.

Pressure readings were taken at all important points in the steam distribution.

Temperature readings were taken at all points <sup>where pressures</sup> corresponding to those <sup>^</sup>were secured. Besides these and the general temperatures readings, however, reading of circulating water and hot well were also included.

Many of the electrical readings actually taken partook of the nature of general readings and, while useful for checking purposes did not in any way enter into the computation of the results of the Test. They are accordingly not included in this list of observations.



## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Outside Temperature.

Turbine Room Temperature.

Switch House Temperature.

## PRESSURES.

Steam in Valve Chamber.

Steam in Bowl.

Steam in First Stage Shell.

Steam in Second Stage Shell.

Steam in Third Pass.

Steam in Second Pass.

Steam in First Pass.

Steam at Auxiliaries.

Atmospheric pressure.

## TEMPERATURES.

Steam in Valve Chamber.

Steam in Bowl.

Steam in First Stage Shell.

Steam in Second Stage Shell.

Steam in Third pass.

Steam in Second Pass.

Steam in First Pass.

Water in Hot well.

Circulating Water, Initial.

Circulating Water, Final.

Steam to Auxiliaries.



Condensation.

Turbine flow.

Auxiliary flow.

Corliss Engine Data.

R. P. M.

Indicator cards.

Electrical Readings.

Excitation volts.

Excitation amperes.

Frequency.

Power Factor.

Portable Instruments, switch-house.

Condenser Leakage





## CALCULATED DATA.

Pressures.

Absolute pressure in third Pass.

Absolute pressure in second Pass.

Absolute pressure in first Pass.

Press in second pass to 30" Barometer Reading.

Superheat.

Degrees superheat in Bowl.

Degrees superheat in first Stage Shell.

Degrees superheat in second Stage Shell.

Degrees superheat **to** auxiliaries.

R. P. M. of Turbine.

Piston speed of Corliss.

I. H. P. of Corliss.

Kilowatt, meter "A".

Kilowatt, meter "B".

Kilowatt Total.

Kilowatt, excitation.

Kilowatt net for unit.

Steam flow per K. W. Hr. (actual)

Steam flow per K. W. Hr. (corrected)

Steam flow per E. H. P. Hr. (corrected)

Auxiliary Flow % Turbine.

Auxiliary Flow Kilowatt Hr.



## CORRECTIONS.

All instrumental readings were corrected according to their respective calibration curves before being put upon the final log sheets.

The steam flow was corrected for condenser leakage by means of the data secured from condenser leakage tests. These tests were performed as follows: After the close of a trial the load was taken off the machine and with no steam entering the turbine the auxiliaries were operated at the given vacuum. The water flow was of course, due only to leakage in the condenser.

Corrections for superheat and pressure will be discussed under "Computations".

(d) Sample Computations.

Absolute pressures in the condenser were found by subtracting the observed vacuum readings from the barometric readings. In the case of the pressure in the second pass the vacuum to the base of 30" atmospheric pressure was found by one of two methods (a) subtracting the absolute pressure from 30 inches; (b) adding to the observed vacuum the difference between 30' and the actual observed atmospheric pressure readings.

Superheats were calculated by mean curves of pressure and temperature based upon Peabody's



Steam Tables. The temperature corresponding to a given pressure being found, the difference between the actual temperature of the steam and the calculated value for saturated steam gave the degree of superheat.

The revolutions per minute of the turbine were found by multiplying the frequency by a constant depending upon the number of poles of the machine.

$$\frac{F \times 120}{n} = N$$

The piston speed of an engine is expressed by the following formula:  $s = \frac{l \times 2 \times N}{12}$  when  $l$  is the stroke in inches and  $N$  represents the revolutions per minute of the machine. Having given the piston speed and mean effective pressure on piston found by means of the indicator card, the indicated horse-power can be derived from the following equation:  $I.H.P. = \frac{P A S}{33000}$  when  $P$  is the mean effective pressure,  $l$  Sq. in.  $A$  is the area in square inches,  $S$  is the piston speed in feet per minute.

The sum of the readings of the two watt-meters "A" and "B" gives the total power in the circuit.

Steam Flow. The water rate of any machine using steam is the amount of water evaporated into steam to a given temperature, pressure and degree of superheat, which is necessary to produce a unit of work in an hour. The method of determination used in this test was to multiply the average steam flow reading by 15, thus getting the flow per hour. This





weight was divided by the net output giving the water rate in pounds per kilowatt hour. In obtaining the corrected water rate, that is the water rate applied to 200 lbs. absolute pressure and 125 F. superheat, the curves, Figures 7 and 8, were used and corrections applied as determined by the relative positions of the actual and contract points. Superheat was corrected for by assuming that 15 F. of superheat affect a gain of 1% in the water rate.

Example:

Reading No. 3 Test No. I Trial No. 4.

2:04 P. M. March 5, 1907.

Pressure in second pass  $29.52 - 28.24 = 1.28$  " Hg.

Pressure to 30" Hg.  $30 - 1.28 = 28.72$  "Hg.

Superheat bowl  $511.5 - 377.5 = 134$  ° F.

Turbine speed  $= \frac{25 \times 120}{6} = 500$  R.P.M.

Corliss piston speed  $= \frac{30 \times 2 + 69}{12} = 345$  Ft. per min

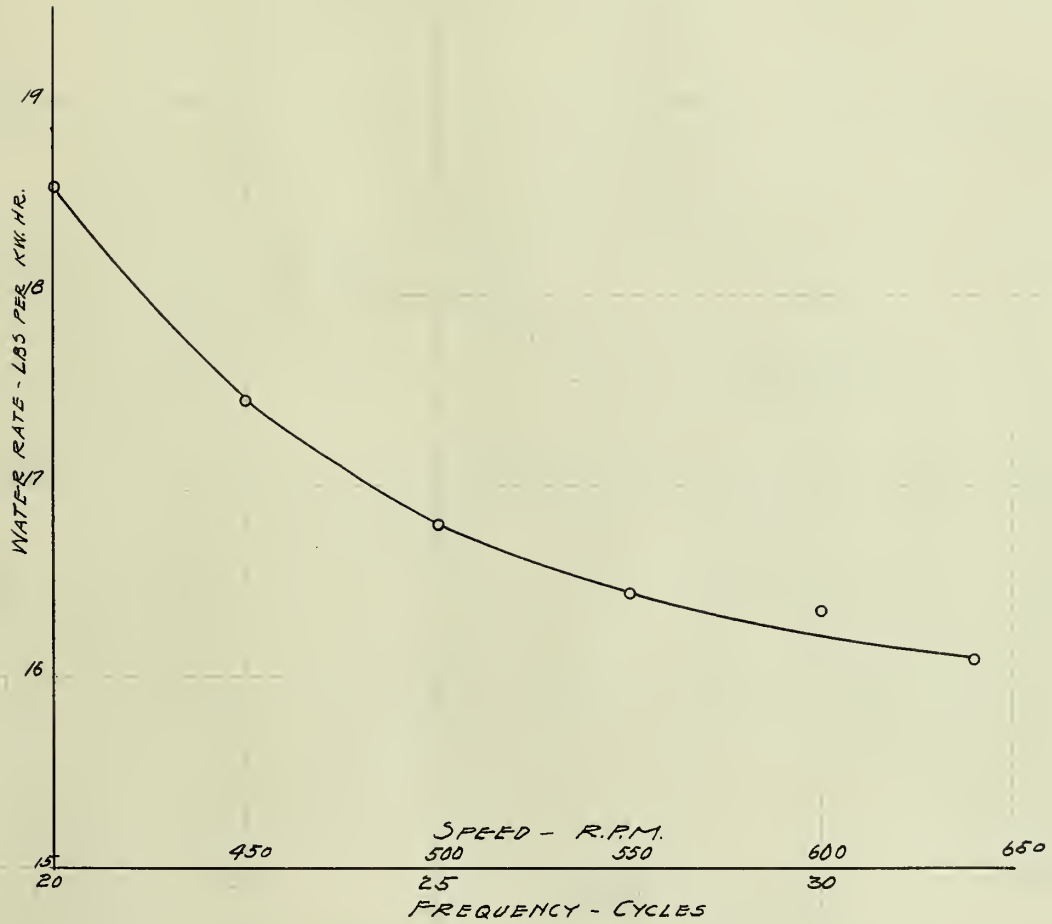
Corrected water rate  $= \frac{.2577 \times 14}{15} + 25.77 = 25.95$

(e) Discussion of Results.

These tests were carried on early in the year and the effect of the circulating water was much more beneficial, due to its coolness, than could be expected during the summer. Owing to the fact that there was superheat in the condenser even at this temperature the gain in operation during the winter is lessened considerably. Condenser leakage proved to be, as before stated, a troublesome factor, but the condenser



FIG. 8. 5000 K.W. SPEED CURVE

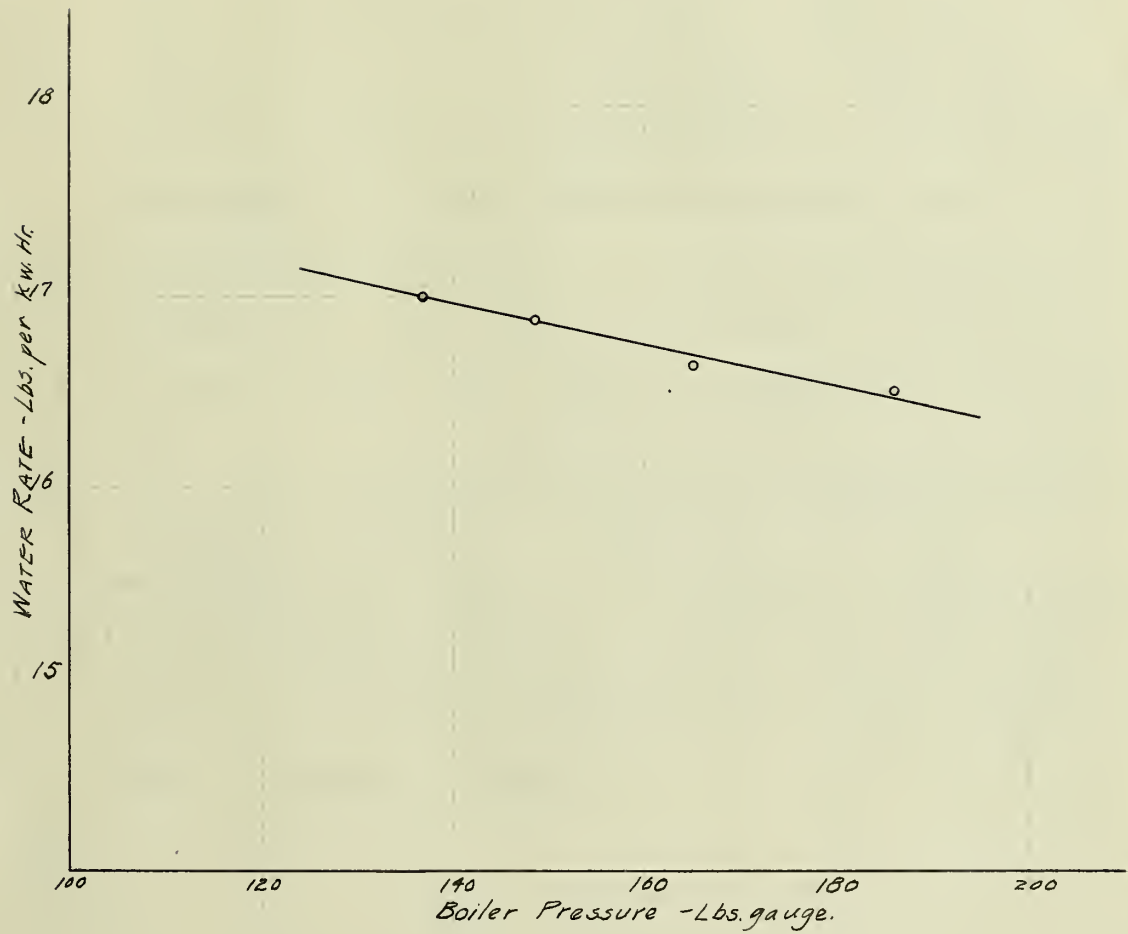


NOTE - ALL VALUES OF WATER RATE  
CORRECTED FOR CONDENSER LEAKAGE

TEST NO. 2.  
5000 K.W. SPEED CURVE



FIG. 7. BOILER PRESSURE CURVE



NOTE.— ALL VALUES OF WATER  
RATE CORRECTED FOR CONDENSER  
LEAKAGE

TEST NO. 2  
BOILER PRESSURE CURVE





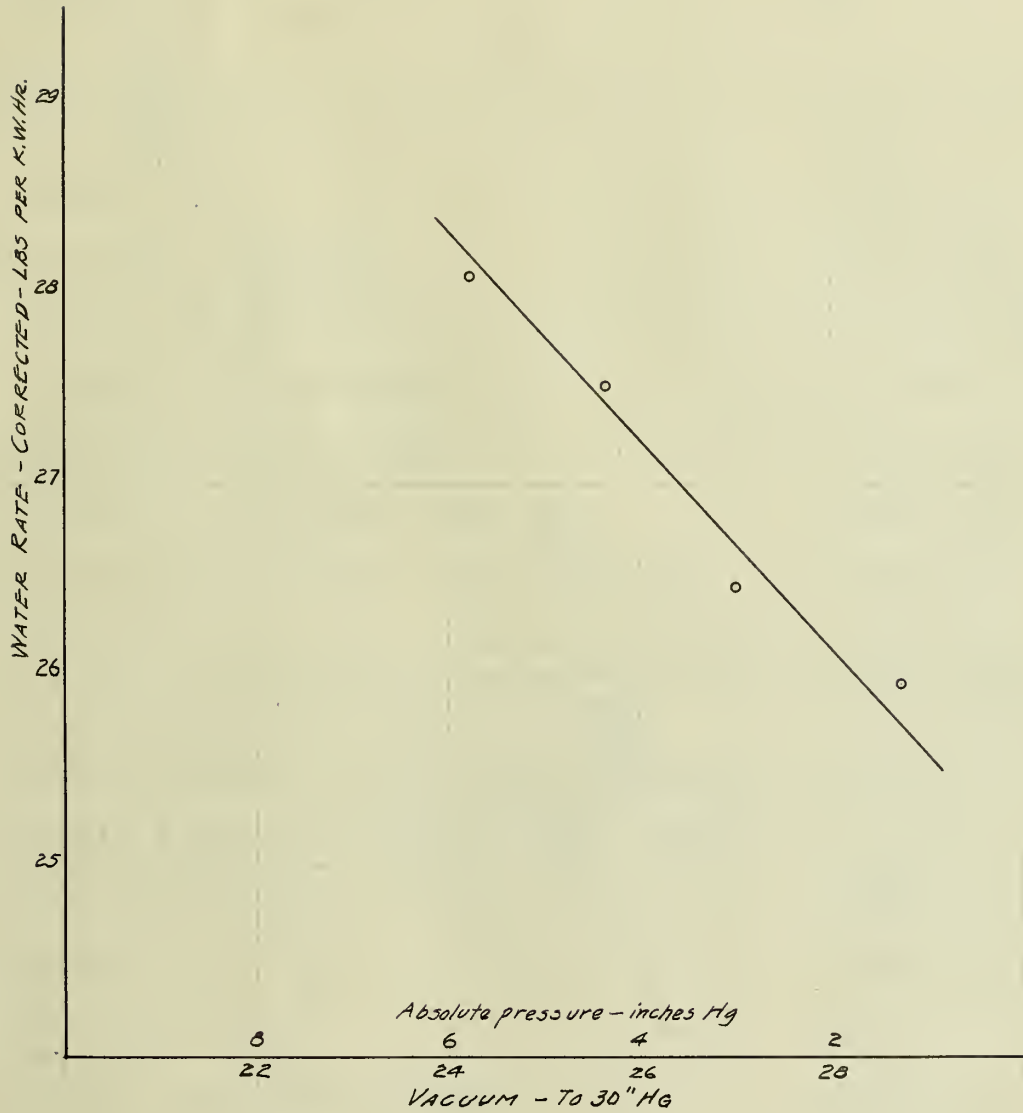
leakage tests gave such uniform results that the corrections applied may be accepted as being accurate.

(f) Conclusions.

The effect of the variations of vacuum upon the water rate of this unit is shown graphically by means of the vacuum curve, Fig. 9. This seems to indicate that for a moderate range at least the economy varies directly as the vacuum. The effect of variations in cooling water temperature could not be studied since the variation in all trials was but a few degrees. The results of the test, however, seem to indicate the great gain to be derived by carrying the vacuum as high as possible. While the gain in water rate in trial 4 as compared with trial 1 is more than 2 lbs. there is practically no difference in the auxiliary steam flow, thus showing that the gain in the turbine is not at the expense of power used in the auxiliaries.



FIG. 9. VACUUM CURVE



TEST NO. 2  
VACUUM CURVE  
TURBINE UNIT NO. 1



SUMMARY

## TEST OF TURBINE UNIT NO. 1.

TEST NO. I.	TRIAL NO. 1.
Trial Began	10:56 A.M. 3-6-07
Trial Ended	12:00 M.
Average Load	Full Load
Atmospheric Pressure	29.83" Hg.
Initial Bowl Pressure	174 Lbs. Gage
Pressure in First Stage	3.7 Lbs. Gage
Pressure in Second Stage	23.8" Hg.
Pressure in Condenser, Ins. Hg.	24.0" Hg.
Pressure in Condenser, Ins. Hg. A.B.S.	5.78" Hg.
Pressure in Condenser, Ins. Hg. to 30"Bar.	24.22" Hg.
Degrees Superheat, Initial Pressure	136.7 F.
Degrees Superheat, First Stage Pressure	122.8 F.
Degrees Superheat, Second Stage Pressure	72.2 F.
Turbine R. P. M.	505
Excitation, K. W.	13.8
Net Output, K. W.	4763
Average Steam Flow (4 min.)	8879 lbs.
Flow per K. W. Hr.	27.96 lbs.
Flow per K. W. Hr. Corrected (To Contract)	28.09 Lbs.
Flow per E. H. P. Hr. Corrected.	20.97 lbs.
Auxiliary Steam Flow (4 Min.)	284.9 lbs.
Auxiliary Steam Flow per K. W. Hr.	.904 lbs.





SUMMARY

## TEST OF TURBINE UNIT NO. 1.

## TEST NO. I.

Trial began

Trial Ended

Load

Atmospheric Pressure

Bowl Pressure

Pressure in First Stage

Pressure in Second Stage

Pressure in Condenser

Pressure in Condenser, ABS

Pressure in Condenser to 30" Bar.

Degrees Superheat, Initial Pressure

Degrees Superheat, First Stage

Degrees Superheat Second Stage

Turbine R. P. M.

Excitation, K. W.

Net Output, K. W.

Average Steam Flow (4 Min.)

Flow per K. W. Hr.

Flow per K. W. Hr. Corrected (To Contract)

Flow per E. H. P. Hr. Corrected

Auxiliary Steam Flow (4 min.)

Auxiliary Steam Flow per K. W. Hr.

## TRIAL NO. 2.

12:48 P.M. 3-6-07.

1:52 P. M.

Full Load

29.72" Hg.

176 lbs. Gage

1.67 lbs. Gage

25.13" Hg.

25.37" Hg.

4.35" Hg.

25.59" Hg.

138 F.

126 F.

68.7 F.

504

13.6

4772

8697 lbs.

27.34 "

27.50 "

20.52 "

276.3 "

.874 "



SUMMARY

## TEST OF TURBINE UNIT NO. 1.

## TEST NO. I.

Trial Began

Trial Ended

Average Load

Atmospheric Pressure

Initial Bowl Pressure

Pressure in First Stage

Pressure in Second Stage

Pressure in Condenser

Pressure in Condenser, Abs.

Pressure in Condenser to 30" Bar.

Degrees Superheat, Initial Pressure

Degrees Superheat, First Stage

Degrees Superheat Second Stage

Turbine, R. P. M.

Excitation, K. W.

Net Output, K. W.

Average Steam Flow (4 Min.)

Flow per K. W. Hr.

Flow per K. W. Hr. Corrected (To Contract)

Flow per E. H. P. Hr. Corrected

Auxiliary Steam Flow (4 min.)

Auxiliary Steam Flow per K. W. Hr.

## TRIAL NO. 3.

2:00 P. M. 3-6-07

3:00 P. M.

Full Load

29.70" Hg.

175.9 lbs. Gage

1.4 lbs. Gage

26.41" Hg.

26.69" Hg.

3.01" Hg.

26.99" Hg.

140.7 F.

128.3 F.

74.3 F.

756.2

13.7

4780

8371 lbs.

26.27 lbs.

26.46 lbs.

19.74 lbs.

314.7 lbs.

.99 Lbs.



SUMMARY

## TEST OF TURBINE UNIT NO. 1.

## TEST NO. 1.

Trial Began

Trial Ended

Average Load

Atmospheric Pressure

Initial Bowl Pressure

Pressure in First Stage

Pressure in Second Stage

Pressure in Condenser

Pressure in Condenser, Abs.

Pressure in Condenser to 30" Bar.

Degrees Superheat, Initial Pressure

Degrees Superheat, First Stage

Degrees Superheat, Second Stage

Turbine, R. P. M.

Excitation, K. W.

Net Output, K. W.

Average Steam Flow (4 min.)

Flow per K. W. Hr.

Flow per K. W. Hr. Corrected (To Contract)

Flow per E. H. P. Hr. Corrected

Auxiliary Steam Flow (4 min.)

Auxiliary Steam Flow per K. W. Hr.

## TRIAL NO. 4.

1:56 P.M. 3-5-07

2:56 P. M.

Full Load

29.52" Hg.

176 lbs. Gage

3.5 lbs. Gage

27.87" Hg.

28.24" Hg.

1.28" Hg.

28.72" Hg.

139 F.

115 F.

73 F.

500

14.0

4921

8452 lbs.

25.77 lbs.

25.95 lbs.

19.37 lbs.

290 lbs.

.79 lbs.





COMMONWEALTH  
OF TURKEY  
VACUUM UPAL CONDITIONS  
HEAT

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OF TRAIL VACUUM CURVE - 5000 K.W.  
Barometer 29.83"  
Vacuum 23.9"

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WATER RATES CORRECTED FOR  
CONDENSER LEAKAGE

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C.F. 1 VACUUM CURVE - 5000 KW  
 AL COND - Barometer 29.83"  
 Vacuum 23.9"

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MONMOUTH ST. CHICAGO ILL  
 5- TUP OF TRAIL VACUUM CURVE  
 VACUUM CURVE CONDITIONS 5000 K.W.  
 Vacuum 25.59"

HEAT  
 1ST 2ND

REMARKS

123.	51.	Barometer 29.72"
123.	66.	Outside TEMP 28.2°F.
122.	68.	Switch House " 75°F.
122.	65.	Total Steam Flow 139150 Lbs.
125.	61.	Aux. " " 4421 Lbs.
121.	67.	WATER RATES CORRECTED FOR
124.	73.	CONDENSER LEAKAGE
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MARCH 6, 1907  
12.45 P.M.  
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INVESTIGATION OF THE ECONOMY OF A STEAM TURBINE UNIT NO. 1

VACUUM CURVE  
5000 K.W.  
Vacuum 25.59"

PRESSURE										TEMPERATURES										SPEED										K.I.O.W.									
CONDENSER										HOT WATER										CORLISS										METER									
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COMFISK ST. STA. CHICAGO ILL.  
 TEST OBJECT OF TRIAL VACUUM CURVE  
 GENERAL CONDITIONS 5000 K.W.  
 26.5" VACUUM Barometer 29.70" Hg.

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# REMARKS

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142.	OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE	30° F
143.	SWITCH HOUSE "	75° F
142.	TOTAL STEAM FLOW	125,560 #
137.	TOTAL AUX. FLOW	4727 #
135.	ALL WATER RATES CORRECTED FOR	
137.	CONDENSER LEAKAGE	
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March 6, 1907  
 2.00 P.M.  
 3.00 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC CO

ST. OF TURBINE UNIT NO. 1

INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECT OF VACUUM UPON THE ECONOMY OF A 5000 KW ENGINE

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OBJECT OF TRIAL VACUUM CURVE  
GENERAL CONDITIONS 5000 K.W.  
26.5" Vacuum Barometer 29.70" Hg.

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ST. OBJECT OF TRIAL -- VACUUM CURVE  
VACUUM GENERAL CONDITIONS -- 5000 K.W.  
-- Vacuum 28" --

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### REMARKS

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Barometer 29.52"

135. 113

Outside Temp 33.4°F

134. 115

Switch House Temp 73.5°F

136. 112

Turbine Room " 66.6°F

138. 113

Condenser leakage 7800# per hr.

137. 113

Steam flow corrected for condenser leakage.

141. 115

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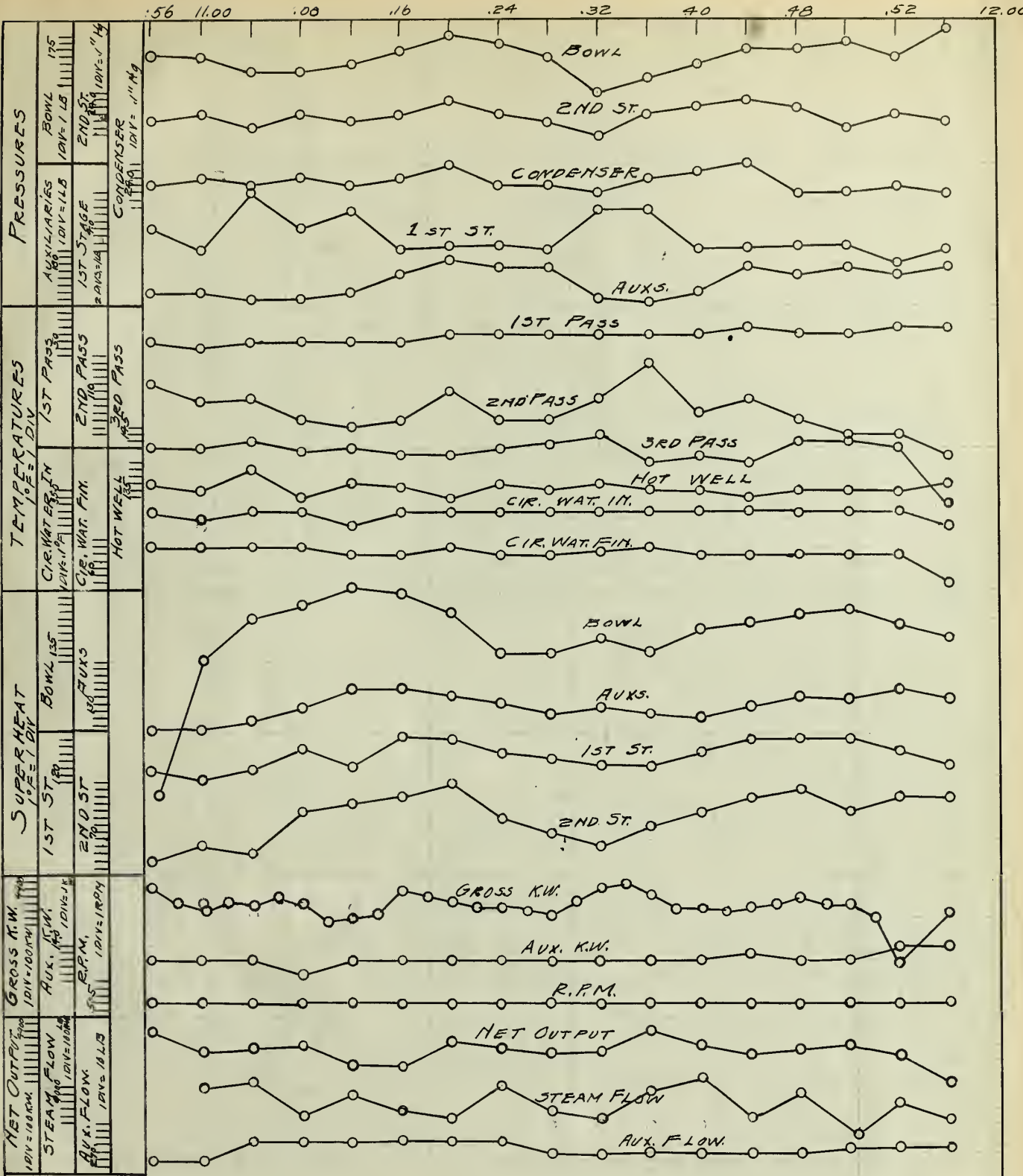
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INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECT OF VACUUM UPON THE ECONOMY OF A 5000 K.W. TURBINE

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OBJECT OF TRIAL VACUUM CURVE  
GENERAL CONDITIONS 5000 K.W.  
- Vacuum 28"

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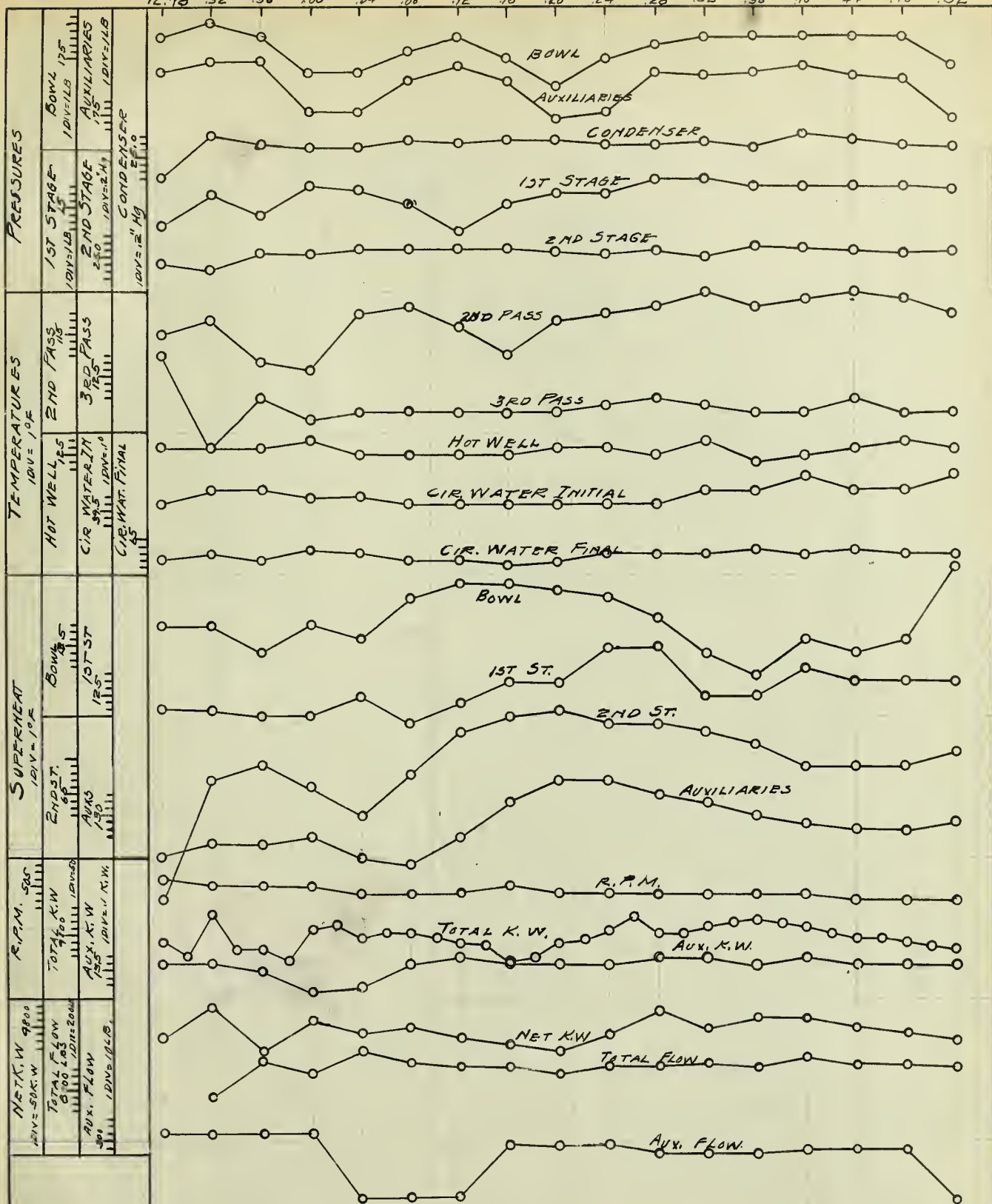
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Steam flow corrected for condenser leakage



TEST NO. 2 TRIAL NO. 1  
GRAPHICAL LOG  
TURBINE UNIT NO. 1.  
GENERAL CONDITIONS



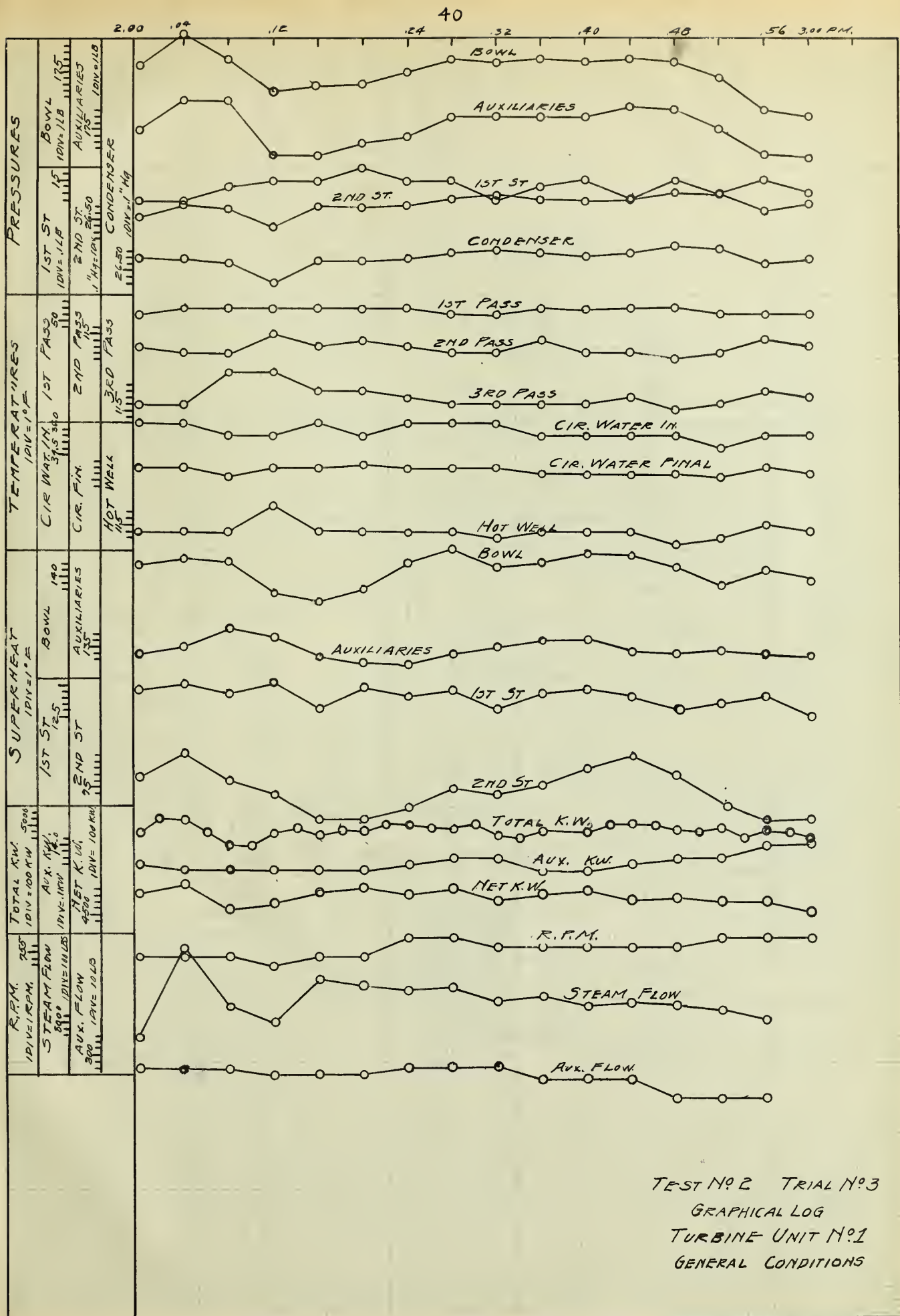




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GENERAL CONDITIONS

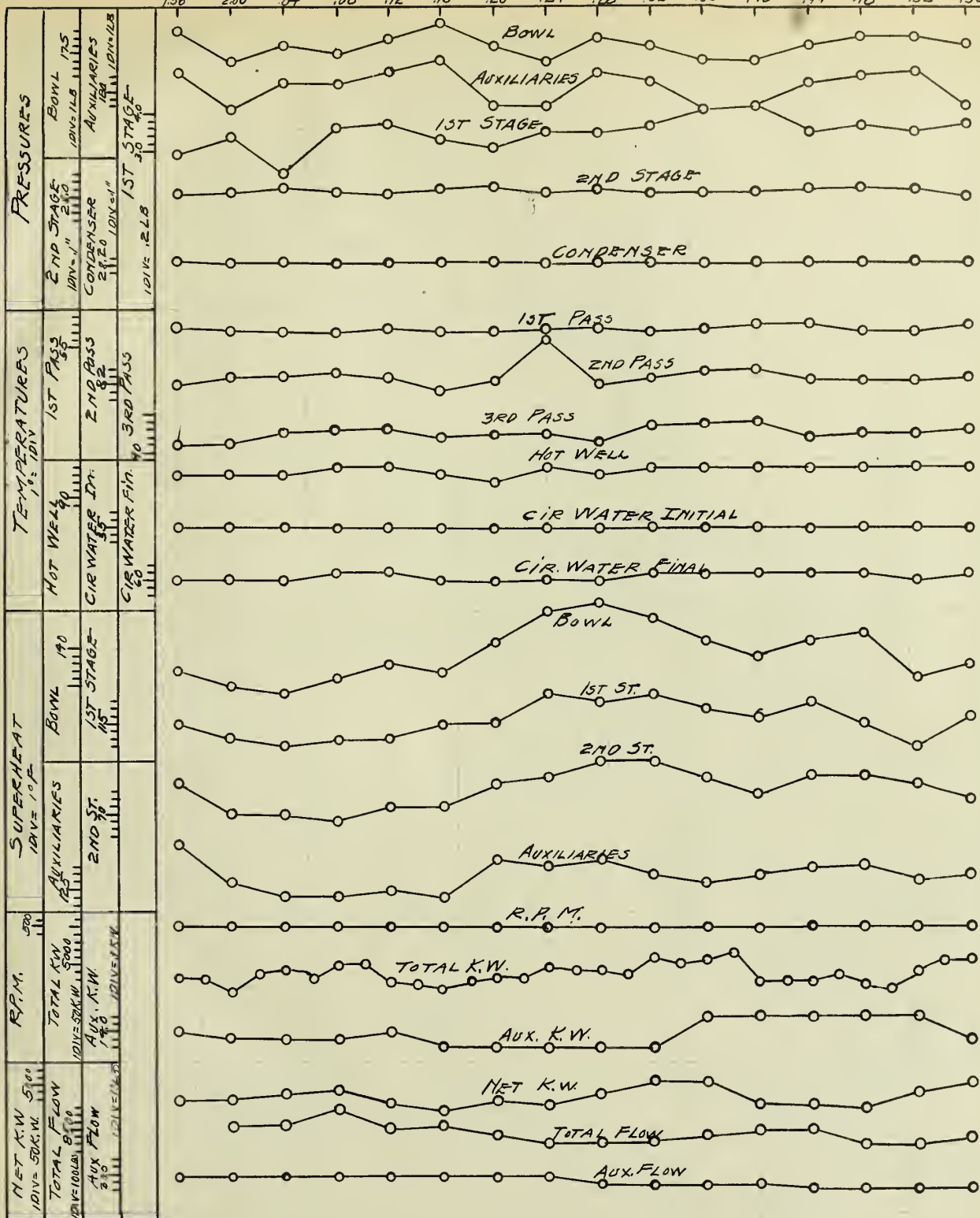








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TEST NO. II TRIAL NO. 4  
 GRAPHICAL LOG  
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